Clinical establishments

2705. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with an eye on reviewing the existing system of clinical establishments, his Ministry has constituted a committee comprising experts from different medical fields under the chairmanship of Director General of Health Services;

(b) if so, whether any plan is to lay down minimum standards for providing quality healthcare services to the people;

(c) if so, whether the experts are expected to suggest a practical and cost efficient system of accreditation of healthcare infrastructure; and

(d) if so, by when the Committee is likely to submit its recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) A National Council for clinical establishments under the chairpersonship of Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been constituted to determine the standards for clinical establishments, classify the clinical establishment into different categories, developed the minimum standards and their periodic review, compile, maintain and update a national register of clinical establishments; collect the statistics in respect of clinical establishments and perform any other function determined by the Central Government, from time to time.

The National Council will submit its recommendations to the Government from time to time.

Doctor availability and measures to stop migration

†2706. SHRI SURINDER LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of doctors of the Central and State Governments available for treatment in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the doctors are migrating from Government institutions to the major private hospitals for want of proper salary and facilities; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per information available, there are a total of 4745 posts sanctioned in the Central Health Service out of which 3491 posts were filled up as on 1.1.2007. In respect of State Governments, as per the National Health Policy profile 2006 brought out by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, there were 73549 allopathic doctors. Additionally, under NRHM there are 3673 doctors and 3163 specialists are working on contractual basis as on 1.6.2007.

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